



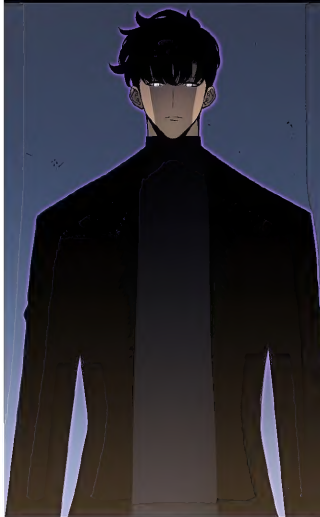
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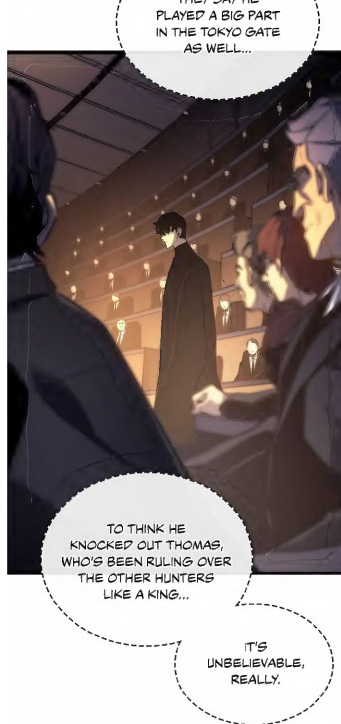
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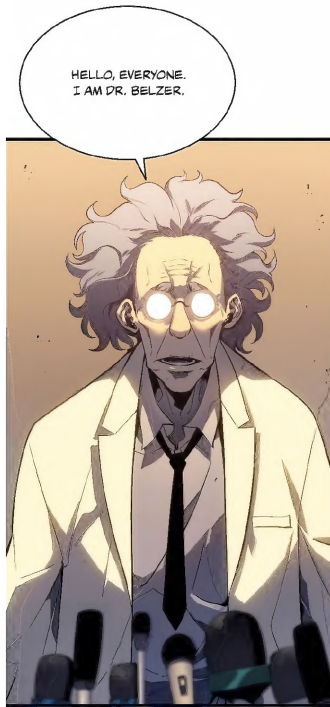
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I'M SURE YOU'RE ALL
AWARE THAT THERE'S BEEN
A RECENT SPIKE IN THE
NUMBER OF GATES AND
POWERFUL BEASTS.



BUT WHAT MANY OF YOU
MAY NOT KNOW IS THAT
WE'VE DETECTED SOME
UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN
THE SKIES.

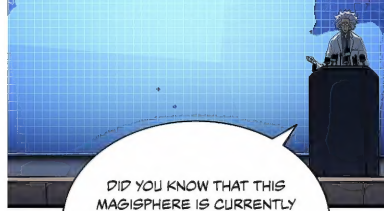
IT'S BEEN WIDELY
REPORTED THAT THE
CONCENTRATION OF MANA
THAT HAS BEEN ABSORBED
INTO THE ATMOSPHERE IS
GROWING INCREASINGLY
DENSE.

I'D LIKE TO REFER
TO THIS PARTICULAR
TYPE OF MANA BY A
DIFFERENT NAME.



UNTIL A MORE SUITABLE
TERM IS AVAILABLE, I
PROPOSE CALLING IT THE
"MAGISPHERE."





DID YOU KNOW THAT THIS
MAGISPHERE IS CURRENTLY
FORMING CLUSTERS IN
THE SKIES ABOVE SOME
COUNTRIES?



THIS PHENOMENON
CAN BE OBSERVED
IN A TOTAL OF NINE
AREAS...

...AND THIS RIGHT
HERE IS WHERE THE
MAGISPHERE IS MOST
CONCENTRATED.

BEEP

SEOUL,
SOUTH KOREA.

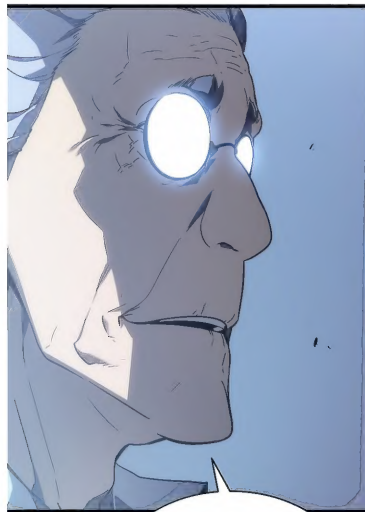


SOUTH KOREA?





THERE IS NO
NEED TO STARE
AT MR. SUNG,
EVERYONE.



BECAUSE IF HE COULD
CONTROL THE MAGISPHERE,
HE'D ALREADY BE ABOVE AND
BEYOND THE RANKS OF
A HUNTER.



NINE PLACES IN
TOTAL, HUH...?

COULD IT HAVE
SOMETHING TO DO
WITH THE NUMBER OF
MONARCHS?



THERE'S NO WAY
TO DEAL WITH THIS
PHENOMENON AT THE
MOMENT, SINCE THE
CAUSE IS UNKNOWN.

BUT THAT'S NOT
TO SAY THERE ISN'T A
NEED TO ADDRESS
THIS SITUATION.

THE WORLD MAY
SOON FACE ANOTHER

PROFOUND CHANGE.

DR. BELZER, IS
THAT THE END OF YOUR
PRESENTATION?

STEP

YES.


THEN I'LL
TAKE IT FROM
HERE.





ADD,

HUNTE
REED WA
GROUP
A



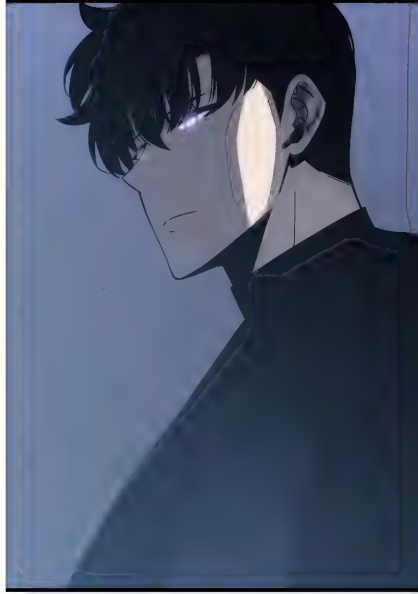
ER CHRISTOPHER
AS MURDERED BY A
OF UNIDENTIFIED
SSAILANTS.

CHRISTOPHER
REED? A NATIONAL
LEVEL HUNTER WAS
MURDERED?!

HE'S
KIDDING, RIGHT?
THERE'S JUST
NO WAY.

AWAKENED BEINGS
WHO ARE EQUALLY AS
STRONG AS NATIONAL
LEVEL HUNTERS ARE
THE ONLY ONES WHO
CAN KILL THEM!

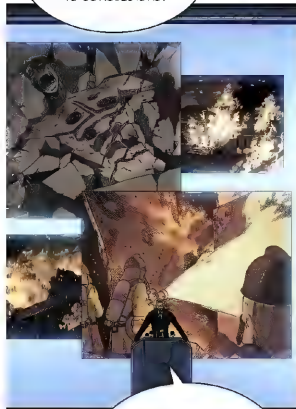
COULD IT BE THE
GUY WHO PUKEP
IT OUT WITH
THOMAS JUST
YESTERDAY...?!



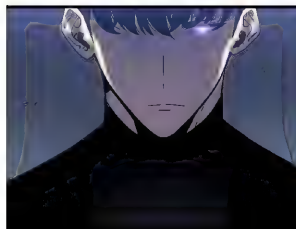
CHRISTOPHER REED'S
OFFICIAL OBITUARY
WILL BE RELEASED
TOMORROW.



PLEASE LISTEN
CAREFULLY TO WHAT
I'M ABOUT TO SAY AND
REFRAIN FROM JUMPING
TO CONCLUSIONS.

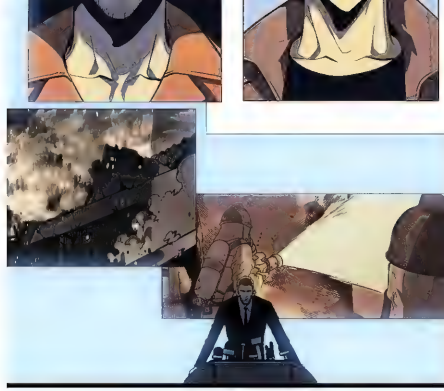


WE HAVE A SUSPECT
THAT WE BELIEVE WAS
RESPONSIBLE FOR
THIS INCIDENT.



"SUSPECT S."





THEN SUNG JINWO,
THE GUY WHO FOUGHT
WITH THOMAS, ISN'T THE
PERPETRATOR?



BUT THAT ASIAN MAN'S
FACE... LOOKS EXACTLY
LIKE SOMEONE SITTING
HERE IN THIS ROOM.

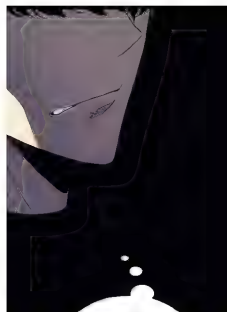


DON'T TURN AROUND.
DON'T TURN AROUND.

THEY JUST
LOOK ALIKE,
THAT'S ALL.

WE CAN'T REALLY
TELL ASIAN FACES
APART ANYWAY.

BUT NO
MATTER HOW
I LOOK AT
IT...



WHY MY
FATHER...

DUNGEONS ARE THE
RULERS' REALM.




I HAVE NO IDEA WHY
THE RULERS SENT A
BEAST THAT LOOKS
LIKE MY FATHER.

COULD IT HAVE
SOMETHING TO DO
WITH WHAT KAMISH
SAID?

"SUSPECT S" WAS
DISCOVERED IN A GATE ON
AMERICAN SOIL, AND HAS
SINCE BEEN DETERMINED
TO BE A BEAST THAT
CAN SPEAK A HUMAN
LANGUAGE.

BECAUSE HE
SPOKE KOREAN, WE
ASKED S-RANK HUNTER
HWANG DONGSOO TO
INTERROGATE HIM.
BUT...





I'LL
FORCE YOU TO
TELL ME.

YOU'RE A
COCKY GUY,
AREN'T YOU?

...HE KNOCKED OUT
MR. HWANG DURING THE
INTERROGATION AND
RAN AWAY.

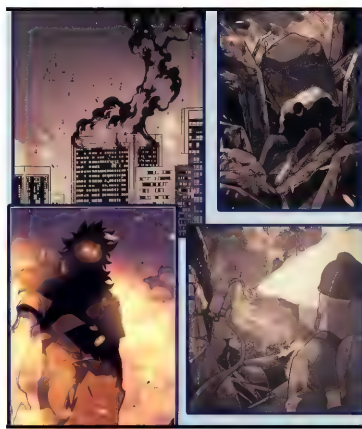
AS FOR
THE BUREAU'S
HEADQUARTERS, IT
BECAME ENGULFED
IN FLAMES.

THE SUSPECT WAS STRONG
ENOUGH TO DEFEAT HWANG
DONGSOO, A KEY MEMBER OF
THE SCAVENGER GUILD.

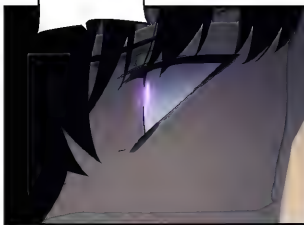
WE THINK THERE'S
A HIGH POSSIBILITY
THAT OTHER POWERFUL
HUMANOID BEASTS
THAT ALSO ESCAPED
FROM DIFFERENT
DUNGEONS...

...ALL WENT AFTER
CHRISTOPHER REED
AT ONCE.

THIS IS THE
CONCLUSION WE AT
THE BUREAU HAVE
COME TO.



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HE'S... SAYING
SOMETHING?

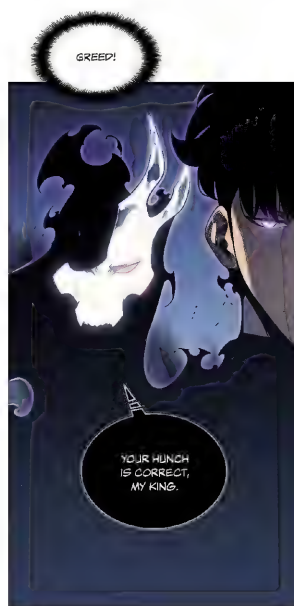


DON'T YOU
EVER STEP FOOT
IN KOREA.

I'M NOT SAYING
THIS FOR MY SON'S
SAKE, I'M SAYING
IT FOR YOURS.



YOU WILL NEVER
REST IN PEACE, EVEN
IN DEATH.





WE PLAN TO
ASK ALL THE GUILDS
AROUND THE WORLD TO
HELP US APPREHEND
"SUSPECT S."

PLEASE CONTACT
US IF YOU LOCATE THIS
MAN. THAT'S ALL I HAVE
FOR YOU TODAY.



IS THERE
ANY PROOF THAT
"SUSPECT S" ISN'T
HUMAN?

THE WAVELENGTH
OF HIS MANA WAS
IDENTICAL TO A
BEAST'S. NEXT
QUESTION?

THE SUSPECT
CLAIMED TO BE A
HUMAN WHO WENT
MISSING INSIDE A
DUNGEON.

WAS THE HUNTER
HE DESCRIBED
HIMSELF TO BE...
A REAL PERSON?

YES, HE WAS A
REAL PERSON. NEXT
QUESTION.

THEN WHY HAVEN'T
YOU REVEALED THAT
HUNTER'S IDENTITY?

AH...

HE HAS A CONNECTION
TO ONE OF THE HUNTERS
PRESENT HERE TODAY,

SO WE'VE DECIDED
NOT TO DISCLOSE THAT
INFORMATION.

ARE THERE
ANY FURTHER
QUESTIONS?



STILL, WOULDN'T
REVEALING HIS
IDENTITY HELP WITH
THE SEARCH?



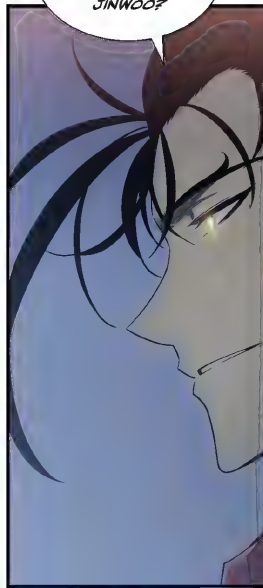
WOULDN'T YOU AGREE,
MR. BRENNON?



CHINA'S 7-STAR HUNTER
LIU ZHIQIANG

LET ME ASK
YOU A DIRECT
QUESTION.

*WHAT IS
THE BEAST'S
RELATION TO
MR. SUNG
JINWOO?*





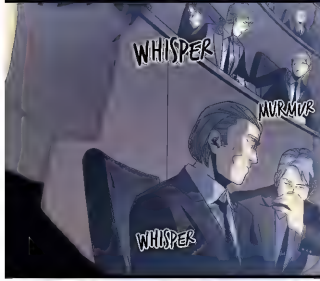
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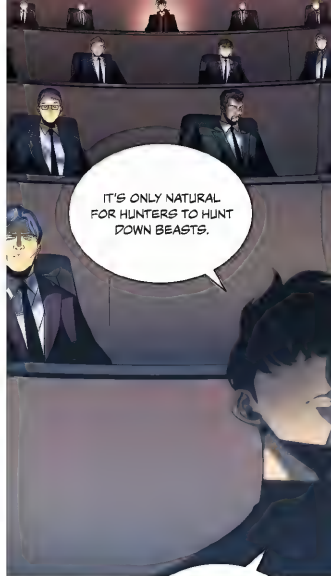


WELL, MR. LILU...
I GUESS YOU LEAVE
ME WITH NO CHOICE.

DURING
THE INTERROGATION,
"SUSPECT S" IDENTIFIED
HIMSELF AS MR. SUNG
JINWOO'S FATHER,

SO WE ARE
USING THAT AS
THE BASIS OF OUR
INVESTIGATION.





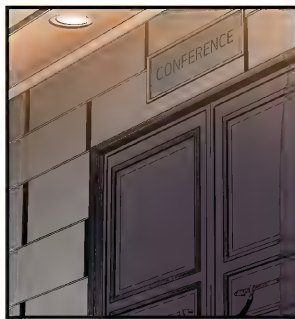
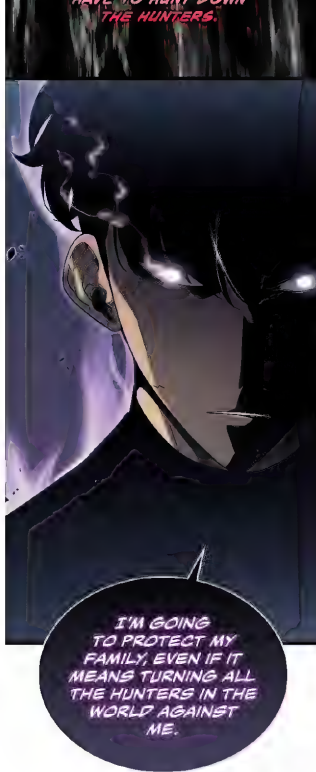
SO IF THE
SUSPECT IS A BEAST,
I'LL TAKE HIM DOWN
MYSELF.

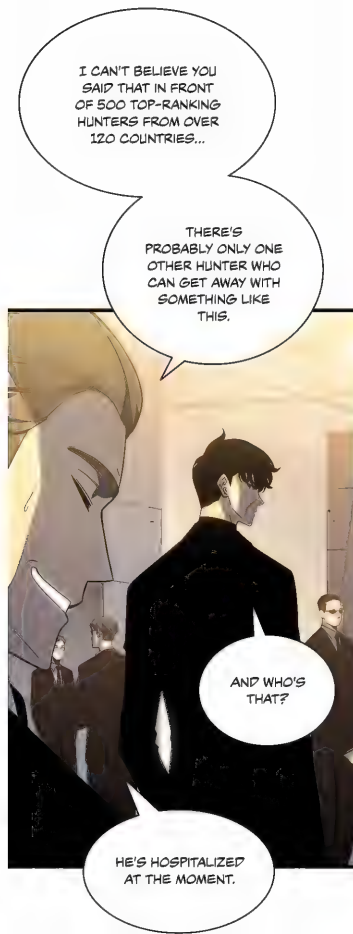
BUT IF HE REALLY
IS MY FATHER AND
NOT A BEAST...





...THEN I'LL SIMPLY
HAVE TO HIDE DOWN



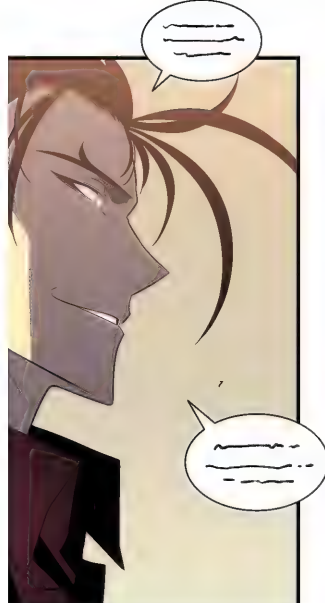




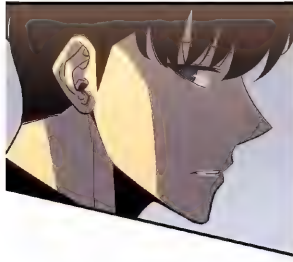
THERE'LL BE A
BANQUET NOW,
MR. SUNG.

THE BUREAU
WORKED REALLY HARD
TO PUT IT TOGETHER,
SO IF YOU AREN'T BUSY,
HOW ABOUT DINING WITH
THE OTHER...



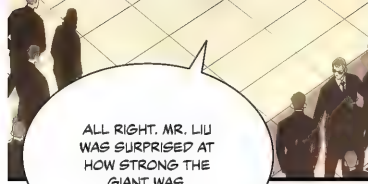


YOU CAN SPEAK
CHINESE, TOO?



WELL, I'M
IN CHARGE OF THE
ASIA REGION, SO I'M
SOMEWHAT FLUENT
IN MOST ASIAN
LANGUAGES.





ALL RIGHT, MR. LIU
WAS SURPRISED AT
HOW STRONG THE
GIANT WAS.

AND THAT FIGHTING
THE BEAST ON WATER
MADE IT ESPECIALLY
DIFFICULT.



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HE'S BEEN
WANTING TO MEET
YOU EVER SINCE.

HE'S BEEN CURIOUS
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT
THE HUNTER WHO WAS
ABLE TO DEFEAT THE
POWERFUL GIANTS
WITH EASE.



ALSO, HE
SAYS HE'S GLAD
YOU PUT THOMAS
IN HIS PLACE.

HE'S POSITIVE
THOMAS WAS THE
ONE AT FAULT...



I THOUGHT HE WAS
JUST A GRUMPY GUY
AT FIRST, BUT...

...HE SEEMS
LIKE A PRETTY
INTERESTING
PERSON.





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